Prices of decontrolled Medicines

2937. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no guidelines have been evolved by Government for monitoring and regulating the prices of decontrolled medicines;

(b) what is the percentage of mark up, profitability, turnover, decontrolled based of a producer which are taken into consideration;

(c) if so, what effective steps are being taken in this direction;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government have not reviewed the price controlled basket for the last three years; and

(e) what steps are being taken to review the list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) No Sir. Monitoring of prices of price decontrolled medicines is done, to the extent possible, on the basis of internal guidelines.

(d) and (e) A Background Note on Review of Drug Policy, 86, which deals with the issues of span of price control and criteria for selection of drugs for purpose of price control, has already been placed on the Table of both the Houses on 12-8-92 and is expected to be taken up for discussion soon.

2938. [*Transferred to 26th March*, 1993].

Regarding dumping of Petrochemicals in Indian Market

2939. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to recession in international market a huge quantity of petro-chemicals is being dumped in Indian market at a lower rate;

(b) whether it is a fact that IPCL and RPCL have sought anti-dumping duty on these chemicals;

(c) whether it is also a fact that domestic petro chemical industry is being threatened by the dumped imports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) In the perception of some segments of the Indian Petro-chemical industry, the current world surplus in petro-chemicals appear to have led to the dumping of a few items.

(b) to (d) Presently, Ministry of Commerce, the designated authority for anti-dumping action under Customs Tariff Act, 1975, is considering Anti-Dumping Petitions from a few Indian producers.

Problems of Danapur Cantt.

2940. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chairman, Finance and General Committee, Cantt. Board Danapur (Bihar) has submitted a Memorandum to the Prime Minister and Defence Minister of India on 8th January, 1993 regarding problems of Cantonments Board, Danapur;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) A representation dated 8.1.93 regarding

problems of Danapur Cantonment has been received from Shri Mohd. Moin Ansari, Chairman, Finance and General Committee of Danapur Cantonment. In his representation, he has raised, inter-alia, the following issues:

(i) To provide funds for repair of road, drains, bus stands, purchase of conservancy vehicles, installation of tube well & pump houses, construction of shopping complex etc.

(ii) Excision of civil areas of Danapur Cantonment and democratisation of Cantonment Boards by suitable amendments in the Cantonments Act, 1924.

(iii) Increasing the periodicity for assessment of annual rental value from 3 to 5 years.

(iv) Increasing strength of safai karmacharies.

As regards (i) above, Cantonment Board Danapur is a deficit Board and Central Government provides financial assistance to meet its administrative costs. During the current financial year, grants-in-aid of Rs. 24.45 lakhs and service charges of Rs. 11.80 lakhs have been paid to the Board. Due to financial constraints, it is not possible for the Central Government to provide more funds to the Board. As regards (ii) above, a proposal to excise civil areas of Danapur Cantonment was taken up with the State Govt. of Bihar in 1982 who have not concurred in the proposal so far. Cantonment Boards are local bodies comprising elected as well as nominated members. There is no proposal to amend the Cantonments Act, 1924. As regards (iii) above, in view of the constantly increasing property value of buildings, it is not considered desirable to increase the validity period of assessment from 3 to 5 years as the Cantonment Board would be deprived of its legitimate share of revenue. As regards (iv) above, due to the financial constraints faced by the Cantonment Board, it is not feasible to increase the strength of safai karamcharies.

कैंटीन स्टोर डिपार्टमेंट द्वारा खरीद

2941. **श्री शिवप्रसाद चनपुरिया :** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कैंटीन स्टोर डिपार्टमेंट ऐसी वस्तुओं की खरीद कर रहा है जिनकी बिक्री बाजार में मंदी होने के कारण कम हो रही है और इस कारण इन वस्तुओं का अंबार लगता जा रहा है; और

(ख) बिना बिक्री वस्तुओं का क्या उपयोग किया जाता है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) और (ख) कैंटीन स्टोर विभाग, रक्षा सेनाओं के कार्मिकों और अन्य पात्र श्रेणियों की आवश्यकताओं की पूर्ति के लिए निर्माताओं आपूर्ति कर्ताओं से उपभोक्ता और घरेलू उद्योग की मदों की खरीद करता है। कैंटीन स्टोर विभाग की सामान सूची में से मदें हटाने और कम खपत होने वाले सामान को कम करने का काम चलता ही रहता है। जहां तक संभव होता है कम खपत वाली मदें पहले की गई विपणन शर्तों के अनुसार आपूर्तिकर्ताओं को लौटा दी जाती हैं। संविदाओं में वित्त संबंधी अन्य सुरक्षा व्यवस्थाएं भी की जाती हैं, ताकि ऐसे सामान बिकता नहीं है उसके संबंध में कैंटीन स्टोर विभाग का जोखिम न्यूनतम से कम रहे।